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BIG LEAGUE OFF IN A FRENZY

By KYLE PATTERSON and LAURIE SCHWAB

Victorian State League stars are scrambling for transfers to the Philips League as Australia's national competition prepares to kick off on Friday night.

And three PSL matches have been rescheduled because APIA, Sydney City and St. George have to play on Sunday in the NSW Ampol Cup semi-finals which were washed out last weekend.

The reshuffle means Fitzroy and St. George meet at Olympic Park at 3 pm on Monday; Brisbane Lions and Sydney City clash at Perry Park, Brisbane, at 8 pm on Friday and APIA and West Adelaide meet at Marconi Oval at 8 pm on Friday.

Yakka Banovic of Essendon Croatia, rated among the finest goalkeepers in Australia, is the most prominent Victorian player seeking to move up into the Philips League.

Banovic, who has played for Victoria and his home State, South Australia, is determined to join Fitzroy.

His Croatia team mate, striker Tommy Cummings, also wants a transfer to a PSL club. Cummings won the 1978 Rothmans Medal and the Bill Flemming Player of the Year award.

State representative sweeper John Yzendoorn, who won the "Soccer Action" Victorian player of the year award for 1978, is one of two Slavia players eager to switch to the PSL.

The other is striker Jim Paton, top scorer in the State League last season. He was a star with Queen's Park in Scotland before joining Slavia in early 1978.



Yugoslav Airlines announced this week it will again sponsor the "Soccer Action" Player of the Year award.

Prize for the winner is two return air fares to Yugoslavia. The tickets are strictly non-transferable. They must be used by the winner and whoever he wishes to take with him.

It is the fourth year of JAT's involvement. The award was split between Melbourne and Sydney in 1976, when Bruce Stowell of Pan Hellenic was voted NSW player of the year and Steve Kokoska, then of Sunshine City, was voted best in Victoria.

In 1977, the inaugural PSL year, the award became national. It was won by Marconi's Jimmy Rooney who is now with Fitzroy. Ken Boden of Newcastle KB United was the JAT Player of the Year in 1978.

In 1977 and 1978, Rooney and Boden also won the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) Player of the Year awards. The JAT award remains the most valuable available to the Philips League's top player.

COURAGE

Courage Breweries will provide a cash prize of \$750 for the top scorer in the Philips League this season.

The progressive goalscorers' list will be published weekly in "Soccer Action".

Courage will also provide \$250 for the top scorer in the Victorian State League. "Soccer Action" will publish the progressive scorers' list for that league as well.

Meanwhile, Melbourne clubs fared badly in their last practice matches before the PSL kick-off.

Footscray J.U.S.T. crashed 0-3 to Marconi for whom star recruit Eddie Krncevic from Essendon Croatia, scored one of the goals.

And South Melbourne, which tried out Sydney Olympic defender Stuart Mark-

land, lost 0-2 to Rale Rasic's Adelaide City in Adelaide. In another pointer to PSL form, Newcastle KB United and Canberra City drew 2-2 in Newcastle in the first leg of the Prime Minister's Cup, after Newcastle had led 2-0 at half time.

The question prompted by the practice games is whether Melbourne will again have to play second fiddle in the Philips League.

Footscray, South Melbourne and Fitzroy know that failure this year could spell financial disaster.

Yakka Banovic would further strengthen John Margaria's star-studded Fitzroy team which already features Jimmy Rooney, Branko Buljevic, Jim Tansley, Gary Cole and Jim Campbell.

Banovic is concerned that a group of players at Croatia is working against the club. This is one of the reasons he wants to leave.

Croatia manager Frank Burin said this week: "Yakka said he doesn't want to stay with the club when a group of players threatens to undermine Croatia's effort. He believes his reputation will be harmed if he stays."

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Big Eddie draws blood



Rugby club for PSL?

NSW Rugby League club Parramatta is considering entering a soccer team in the Philips League.

Alternatively, existing soccer interests in the Parramatta area will be encouraged to put together a PSL team.

"We are very interested in the proposition, as by going to Parramatta, we would be going to where the audience is," PSL manager John Frank said this week.

Parramatta Rugby League club's home ground, Cumberland Oval, is to be upgraded over the next two years at a cost of \$20 million.

"The ground will be a U.S.-style 'bowl', with all facilities including TV installations," Mr Frank said.

Parramatta wants to make full use of the ground by having soccer played on it when the Rugby team is playing away from home.

There have been talks between Parramatta officials

It was a nerve-racking day for big Eddie Krncevic. He wore the light blue of Marconi for the first time, and he did so in his home city, Melbourne, which was curious whether he would justify the \$9000 Marconi paid Essendon Croatia for him.

The justification came when the 18-year-old youth international scored the second goal in Marconi's 3-0 defeat of Footscray J.U.S.T. And he did it so stylishly, shuffling off a challenge by Radoslav Jovicic (pictured lying on the ground) and dribbling around goalkeeper Steve Potter (pictured top) before slipping the ball into the net. At right Krncevic is congratulated by Mark Jankovic who scored the third goal. Pictures by SAM BELEFONTE.

The opening round

The opening round of the 1979 Philips League season:

FRIDAY

APIA v. West Adelaide, Marconi Oval, 8 pm.

Brisbane Lions v. Sydney City, Perry Park, 8 pm.

SATURDAY

Sydney Olympic v. Footscray, Barton Park, 3 pm.

SUNDAY

Canberra City v. Marconi, Bruce Stadium, 2.30 pm.

Newcastle KB Utd v. Sth. Melbourne, International Sports Centre, 2.30 pm.

Adelaide City v. Brisbane City, Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.

MONDAY

Fitzroy v. St George, Olympic Park, 3 pm.



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Brisbane City has shown scant respect for the Philips League. While most other clubs have invested heavily to improve their playing staffs, the Queensland club seems content with the squad it has.

And that is mighty strange when it's considered Brisbane City was a runaway winner of the wooden spoon last season!

Sure, Brisbane City won the Philips Cup in 1978, making it two in a row in the knock-out competition, but it doesn't cover up the facts — Brisbane City cannot match the PSL big boys!

Winning the Philips Cup was a magnificent effort, but City did have the advantage of playing all its games, including the final, on its home ground.

Brisbane City will continue to struggle and will start the season off on the wrong foot with a loss to Rale Rasic's Adelaide City.

Everything is against Brisbane winning its opening round match. The game is in Adelaide, Adelaide City will have a big following at the game, and Rasic's players will be out to impress after a dismal 1978.

Brisbane's only consolation is that it has won four of five PSL meetings with Adelaide City.

Adelaide City v Brisbane City in Adelaide

Brisbane City has some good players. South American Roberto Echeverria is a skilful midfielder, backed up by Larry Gaffney and Frank Pimblett.

In defence, Brisbane has the solid Peter Tokosi, new signing from Brisbane Lions George Potter and Australian X1 representative Steve Perry.

But defence isn't Brisbane City's worry. Last season the side could manage only 29 goals in 26 matches. Canberra City was as bad, scoring only 28.

Berry Kelso is a good striker, but Brisbane City lacks the flair and firepower in midfield and up front to worry opponents.

Hard graft and determination have brought Brisbane City considerable success, but as the standard of the PSL climbs, City will sink.

Adelaide City is hoping to return to the successful days of 1977. In the inaugural season, the South Australian club headed the league for several weeks.

Adelaide City finished third in 1977 but crashed to 10th last season. Of course, the feat of South Australian rivals West Adelaide in winning the league poured salt into Adelaide City's wounds.

Now Rasic has the task of building Adelaide City into a power.

Johnny Nyskohus, Dixie Deans and Chris Kent will make up Adelaide City's forward line.

In midfield, Rasic has Brian Northcote, an extremely well-balanced player, Socceroo Gary Marocchi, John Pein, Agenor Muniz, Sergio Melta and Robert Marwa.

From six talented players, Rasic must choose three to fill his midfield.

In defence, Bobby Russell and maybe Perin to fill the central positions.

Clearly the Adelaide City squad has depth, plus the important element of dynamic players. Muniz, Deans,

Johnny Nyskohus and Northcote can be explosive.

There will be a definite class difference between Adelaide City and Brisbane City, and it is the Queenslanders who will be sent home without a point.

PREVIOUS RESULTS: 1977 — Adelaide City 1 Brisbane City 2, at Olympic Sportsfield, Adelaide; Brisbane City 1 Adelaide City 0 at Perry Park, Brisbane.

1978 — Brisbane City 2 Adelaide City 1 at Perry Park, Adelaide; City 3 Brisbane City 2 at Olympic Sportsfield.

OUR TIP: ADELAIDE CITY TO WIN

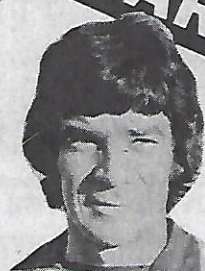


Bugner to put on a show?

European boxing champion Joe Bugner has agreed to stage a three-round exhibition bout at Sydney City's first home game against Adelaide City on March 18.

Apparently Muhammad Ali was asked first, but declined.

Sydney City is now studying the logistics of putting on the Bugner exhibition.



Former National Captain Johnny Warren

Best supporter to win a car

Sydney City has clinched the richest club sponsorship deal in the PSL.

The club announced at a Press conference at the Hakoah club in Bondi this week that Presto Smallgoods had increased its level of sponsorship from last year and that additional sponsorship would be provided by City Ford, Australia's biggest Ford dealer.

The exact amount of Presto's financial backing was not disclosed, but it is more than \$30,000.

Presto is run by Sydney City's soccer director, Andre Lederer, and employs two of the players, Kevin Mullen and Ian Stevenson.

City Ford, which also sponsors glamorous Rugby League team Eastern Suburbs, will provide a \$7500 Ford sedan for Sydney City's "Supporter of the Year."

Here's how it works:

By buying City's 20-cent programme at matches, supporters can vote 3-2-1 for the club's Player of the Year. At the bottom of the form, they fill in their own name and address.

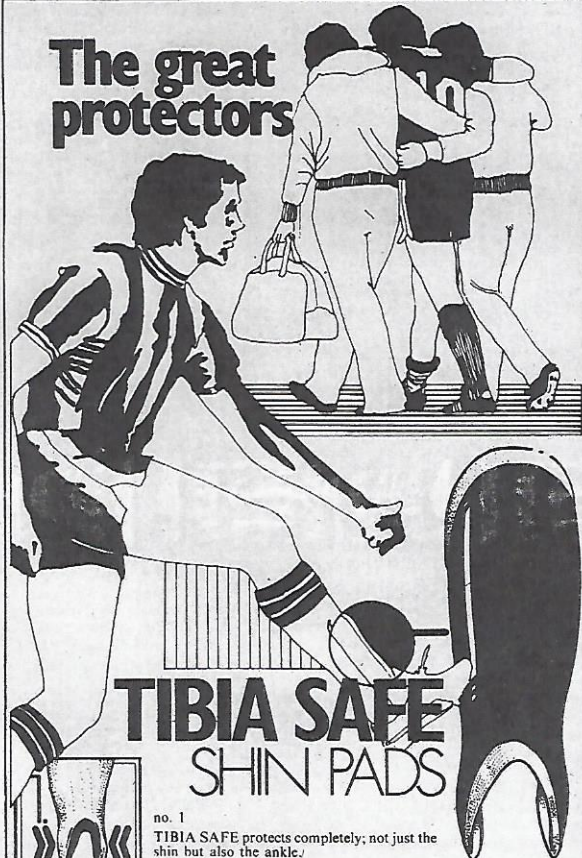
At the end of the year, the names go into a barrel and the "Supporter of the Year" is drawn on Rex Moscop's TV sports show.

The Player of the Year wins a trip for two to Surfers Paradise, flying TAA.

Meanwhile, arrangements are being made for the Lord Mayor's function at the town hall on March 15, to launch the new-look Sydney City team.

About 300 people have been invited, including soccer officials, players and Press people.

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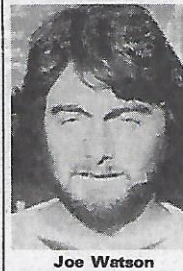
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A BIG YEAR FOR PAUL ONTONG?

Brisbane Lions v. Sydney City in Brisbane

Brisbane Lions did the "impossible" early last year by beating 1977 champion Hakoah-East 3-1, and claiming their way to a 1-1 draw in the other match.

Hakoah, under its new manager, Sydney City, flies to Brisbane with painful memories of those two games.

Make no mistake — Lions are still just as capable of causing an upset result, although Sydney City is favored to win.

The Lions line-up, moulded by player coach Eddie Speeritt, looks tight and effective.

It is likely to be: Nigel Lownds — Ian Lawrie, Col Bennett, Jim Hermiston, Alan Niven — Steve Amos, Eddie Speeritt, Alan Hughes — Paul Ontong, Barrie Fairbrother, Ian Steele.

Steele, the 1978 Queensland Rothmans Medalist who has transferred from Mt. Gravatt, played for Sydney City (then Hakoah) some years ago.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has him under consideration for the new Socceroo.

Lions expect big things from speedy winger Paul Ontong this year. Ontong left Victoria with a big reputation to join Lions for the 1978 season but showed only occasional glimpses of his best form.

But the former Mooroolbark star should find the going easier this year, as should striker Barrie Fair-

brother who also joined from Mooroolbark early last year.

Alan Hughes, Lions' top scorer last year, will play in midfield but should still get goals from there.

But the strongest part of the Lions team is the defence, built around Socceroo Col Bennett and former Aberdeen star Jim Hermiston.

These two will try to shackle Sydney City's tall striker Terry Smith, one of the most deadly goalscorers in the PSL.

But for all of Lions' good points, it seems unlikely that they could offset the strengths of mighty Sydney City.

Joe Watson, Hilton Silva, Murray Barnes, Ian Stevenson, Eddie Thomson, Steve O'Connor, John Stevenson ... what a line-up of stars.

Kevin Mullen has been out injured in recent weeks and if he can't take his usual right back position, Alan Kershaw will play there.

Ian Bruce or Mark Trentor will probably be at left back in the absence of injured Henry Mowbray.

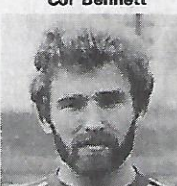
Results of previous games between the teams:

1977: Brisbane Lions 0 Sydney City 4, Sydney City 2 Brisbane Lions 0 1978: Sydney City 1 Brisbane Lions 3, Brisbane Lions 1 Sydney City 1

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Col Bennett



Barrie Fairbrother

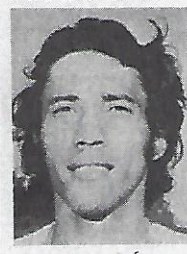


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Hilton Silva

FIVE POSSIBLES FOR ROONEY'S MIDFIELD ARMY

Fitzroy v. St. George in Melbourne

Fitzroy's prize signing Jimmy Rooney seems permanently stuck in top gear.

The former Apia and Marconi midfield dynamo has been running his heart out on Australian pitches since he arrived here from Scotland in the late sixties, and although now 32 years old, he's showing no signs of letting up.

Fitzroy is hoping Rooney's energy and leadership qualities can bring the club success, but at the moment it is unclear as to which players will line up alongside Rooney.

There are five candidates vying for the two spots in midfield with Rooney. Not one of the five is assured a

place at the moment, and obviously coach **John Margarithis** will be having a long hard think before naming his midfield trio.

The candidates for the positions as Rooney's assistants are:

Jim Campbell — Campbell's goalscoring ability may win him one of the places, but his form in recent practice matches hasn't been good. But goals win games, and Campbell grabbed 12 last season to be Fitzroy's top goalscorer.

Only centre forwards **Ken**

Boden of Newcastle KB Utd and **Clive Eaton** (now Apia) of Western Suburbs scored more than Campbell in the league. They scored 14, which means Campbell's 12 from midfield is an incredible feat.

Pet Bannon — Bannon was captain of the team last season, and is a great motivator on the field. His strength allows him to stop many attacks in the midfield.

Ken Taylor — Taylor played as deep-lying midfielder last season, and did well in that position. He reads the game well, and supports intelligently.

Theo Selamadia — Was used as a winger last season, but with not much success. However, after coming under the watchful eye of national coach **Rudi Gutendorf**, he matured as a player. He's now far more confident, and will develop into a top midfielder.

Mike Micevski — A big-money signing from Marconi at the start of 1978, Micevski was a failure. He's in the outside running for a midfield place.

Midfield aside, Fitzroy's team looks settled with the defence of **Arthur McMillan**, **Bob Provan**, **Jim O'Reilly** and **Jim Tansey**. The forward line will be **Branko Buljevic**, **Gary Cole** and **Andy Boziskas**.

St George promises to be one of the improved teams of 1979. After being on the bottom for several weeks during last season, the Dragons recovered to finish in a respectable mid-table position.

But the arrival of top European coach **Joseph Gelai** promises to speak a new era for St George.

He has transformed several of St George's players, and moulded into the team a couple of new signings.

Roy Cotton has been the most impressive of the new brigade. The former Brentford, Orient and Aldershot (all England) striker could make a mark this season.

Cotton is strong and fast, and loves to attack the ball anywhere near goal. He has the ability to shield the ball, and his lay offs bring team mates into the game.

He has scored a few impressive goals, and the agres-

sive forward is building a lethal partnership with winger **Phil O'Connor**.

Dennis Duarte was playing in a local amateur league when a friend suggested he try his luck with St. George. He was given a trial and signed on the spot. He has good ball control, and is in line for a regular place with St. George.

Rudolfo Della Pica is a defender. He has impressed with his ability to read situations quickly and make good use of the ball. With **Brandon Crosse**, he will form a tight partnership in the middle of the defence.

Stephen Matic is a much-travelled midfielder. Before venturing down under, he played with Novi Sad (Yugoslavia), Sparta Rotterdam (Holland) and Bolivar (Bolivia).

His international experience will hold him in good stead for the PSL.

Joseph Gelai will have a headache trying to find a place for former Socceroo **Doug Utjesenovic**. The St. George veteran will be trying to force his way ahead of Della Pica or Crosse in the middle of defence.

St. George's line up could look something like this: **Martin Coe** or **Michael Fraser** — **George Harris**, **Rudolfo Della Pica**, **Brandon Crosse** or **Doug Utjesenovic**, **Robert O'Shea** — **Stapan Matic**, **John O'Shea**, **Dennis Duarte** — **Phil O'Connor**, **Roy Cotton**, **Neville Morgan** or **Peter Hansen**.

Fitzroy hasn't beaten St. George in the PSL, and the record should be kept intact.

St. George has been in competition for over a month, whereas Fitzroy has been sluggish in practice matches. Several of Fitzroy's players — **Cole**, **Bannon** and **Provan** to name three — returned home to Britain for holidays.

Fitzroy's preparation has been hindered by their absence, and so St. George should be too good.

Previous Results: 1977 — Fitzroy 1 St George 2, Melbourne; Fitzroy 2 St George 2, Sydney 1978 — Fitzroy 1 St George 4, Melbourne; Fitzroy 0 St George 2, Sydney.

OUR TIP: ST GEORGE TO WIN

Refs' new look



Tony Boskovic (above) models the new outfit to be worn by referees in the Philips League whose 1979 season kicks off on Saturday.

Dunlops Footwear has given each PSL referee two sets of uniform as part of a \$75,000 sponsorship.



Rudi looks for 'Roos

National coach Rudi Gutendorf will soon start travelling from State to State, casting his eagle eye over players good enough perhaps to become Soccerroos.

Gutendorf, pictured above expressing a negative opinion to ASF president Sir Arthur George, will leave for Asia and Europe in August, to arrange matches for a tour by the national team.

— Picture by ALEX VESIC.



Fitzroy Utd's midfield dynamo Jimmy Rooney. Rooney will lead Fitzroy's midfield, but who will his partners be?



Fitzroy Utd's Socceroo defender Jim Tansey gets set to pounce on the ball. He is watched by team mate Branko Buljevic.

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Laumets and Davidson to miss out?

Newcastle KB Utd v. South Melbourne in Newcastle

Socceroo team-mates Jack Reilly and Peter Laumets and national under 19 squad members Alan Davidson and George Christopolous will be fighting each other as South Melbourne prepares for its opening PSL fixture against Newcastle KB Utd.

But the fighting will only be for a place in the star-studded South Melbourne team. Last year, Laumets and Reilly were selected in the Australian squad to play Greece at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

Laumets, then with Victorian State League club Preston Makedonia, got the nod from coach Jimmy Shoulder and made an excellent debut for the Socceroos.

A \$15,000 transfer deal took Laumets from Preston Makedonia to South Melbourne, where he has joined Reilly in a battle for the number one shirt.

Davidson and Christopolous have been team-mates since the young Soc-

ceros tour of New Zealand late last season. Before that, the much-travelled pair went to Queensland together with The Victorian under 18 side for the Australian championships.

Christopolous and Davidson recently returned from the under 19 team's disastrous tour of Paraguay.

The pair became team-mates at club level when South Melbourne paid Altona City of the Victorian State League \$1,000 for the talented Davidson.

But now Christopolous and Davidson look certain to be battling each other for the third midfield spot in the South Melbourne team.

Manager **Dave MacLaren**



wouldn't commit himself about which midfield combination he would play against Newcastle.

But he gave a clue. "To me, Alan Davidson isn't a defensive midfielder," said MacLaren. "He has a lot of flair, and he is better going forward than doing a defensive job."

So **Sammy Wright** will probably retain his place as a deep-lying midfielder. He performed well in that position last season and MacLaren's comments on Davidson ruled out the possibility that the former Altona star would be vying for Wright's place.

With Wright certain to play in midfield, there are two other places to be filled.

Midfield dynamo **Ken Drakeford** will definitely play, leaving the third place a battle between Davidson and Christopolous.

Christopolous probably will be given the place because he played with South Melbourne last season. Davidson, still a relatively new face at the club, will start on the bench.

As for the Laumets/Reilly duel, experience should win out, resulting in Reilly getting the nod.

There are only two doubtful positions in the South Melbourne team, should Reilly and Christopolous be chosen ahead of their rivals, the team will be:

JACK REILLY — The most experienced goalkeeper in Australia. Reilly has played professional football in Scotland and the USA, and in the 1974 World Cup finals. He showed his desire to continue playing last season when he won back his place in the team from Swedish import **John Hanson**. Still one of Australia's best.

CHRIS KALAFATIDIS — Normally a central defender, Kalafatidis looks destined to spend the season at right although he played brilliantly in the heart of the defence for Australia against Greece. Competition for the full back position could come from Mike Pye.

FRANK MUNRO — The former Wolves sweeper impressed with his early displays in Australia but hasn't matched the form since. Is still recovering from a knee



South Melbourne goalkeeper Jack Reilly in action against Preston Makedonia in a practice match. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.



Peter Laumets — at \$15,000 the most expensive goalkeeper in Australia.

strain, but should be fit for the Newcastle game.

JOHN BAXTER — A strong stopper, Baxter is the lynch-pin of the South Melbourne defence. Dominant in the air and a rugged tackler, Baxter has been South Melbourne's most consistent player.

TONY TURNER — An English import who has played several good games after a shaky start during which he was badly beaten by **Joe Palintas** of Footscray.

SAMMY WRIGHT — Hard-working midfielder who's always on hand to help his defence, start attacks and cover his team mates. A valuable player.

KEN DRAKEFORD — The pint-sized midfielder ace could be the star of the PSL season. Fast, with great ball control and the ability to crack any defence, Drakeford will be South Melbourne's danger man.

GEORGE CHRISTOPOLOUS — Not so long ago was playing with Coburg in the Victorian Third Division, but has rocketed to fame. A strong midfielder with the ability to score goals.

DUNCAN CUMMINGS

— A striker whose deadly speed has left many full backs floundering. Likes having through balls to chase and a good finisher of attacking moves. Cummings is South's top scorer over the two PSL seasons.

ALUN EVANS — Any soccer fan confused by the term "target man" need only to watch Evans play. Always offers himself to team mates with the ball, shields it excellently and lays off the ball well. The best centre forward in this country.

GEORGE CAMPBELL — The idol of South Melbourne's fans, Campbell's ball control is dazzling. He has pace and his passing his pinpoint.

Newcastle's team will include many of the players who served the club so well in its first season in the PSL in 1978.

PHIL DANDO — Experienced goalkeeper, played in New Zealand and with Brisbane Lions before joining Newcastle.

PETER WILLIS — Solid right back who performs his task with a minimum of fuss.

BILL SUMMERS — A tall, powerful centre half, whose heading ability brought Newcastle many goals from corners and set-piece plays.

ROY DRINKWATER — A former New Zealand Player of the year, Drinkwater is Newcastle's captain. The well-built sweeper may not be the classiest defender in the league but he never stops pressuring opponents.

Opponents now team mates



While going through the "Soccer Action" archives we came across this pertinent picture of Australia's 1-0 victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers at Olympic Park on 1972.

It shows Australian goalkeeper Jack Reilly and Wolves centre back Frank Munro (light shirt) going up for the ball after a Wolves corner.

Reilly and Munro, who was Wolves' best player that day, are now team mates at South Melbourne.

COL CURRAN — Former Socceroo, Curran is a stout defender and a valuable attacking player. His moves up from left back are a feature of Newcastle's play.

MALCOLM McCLELLAND — youngster who was dropped from the Australian under 19 team shortly before its departure for Paraguay. Performed very well in pre-season games to force his way in the Newcastle team.

CRAIG MASON — Midfielder who was a vital link in Newcastle's side last season. Mason always works hard and has a tremendous shot.

PETER TREDINNICK — Young midfielder who will benefit from the experience he gained last season.

FRANK HEYS — Newcastle coach Alan Vest predicts Heys will be a sensation in the PSL. A decisive, penetrating forward, Heys could be the man to give Newcastle the extra bite it needs up front.

KEN BODEN — Was voted Australian Player of the

Year by "Soccer Action" and the ASPA last season. A brilliant forward, and PSL equal to score for 1978.

JIM MCBREEN — Came to Australia with Heys during the close season. His inclusion in Newcastle's forward line is expected to make it one of the most dangerous in the league.

This is only a likely Newcastle line-up.

Both teams have strong forward lines. South Melbourne's defence is doubtful, and Newcastle's midfield isn't as strong as it could be.

But Souths are better balanced, and should take off both points.

PREVIOUS RESULTS: 1978 — South Melbourne 3, Newcastle 0 at Middle Park, Melbourne — Newcastle 1 South Melbourne 1 at International Sports Field, Newcastle.

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Rampanti - Richards - Stone?

APIA v West Adelaide in Sydney

APIA'S \$40,000 Italian import Rosario Rampanti is likely to join Peter Stone in midfield against 1978 PSL champion West Adelaide.

The other midfield spot will go to Ray Richards or Brian O'Donnell.

All are players of exceptional class, as they need to be to make an impression on West Adelaide's star duo Peter Boyle and Neil McGachey.

Rampanti alone guarantees APIA of a large crowd at its first PSL match.

He is from Bologna, which paid \$600,000 for him. He had previously played for Torino and has since been on loan to Brechia.

But is he as classy as Roberto Vieri, the former Italian First Division star who is now the midfield maestro of Marconi? The answer to that question is not likely to be supplied by this week's match. Obviously it will take Rampanti some weeks to produce his best.

It is also intriguing to ponder the role Ray Richards will play at APIA, following his free transfer from Marconi.

Richards, boasting his new slim look, is still among the most inspiring players in Australia but with Peter Stone and Rampanti certain to be selected, Richards faces still competition.

In Richard's own words, his main competitor, Brian O'Donnell, will emerge as one of the stars of the 1979 PSL competition. Eric Carruthers is also in line for that third midfield spot.

Up front, Andy Scott has earned automatic selection with some uncanny goalscoring performances in the NSW Ampol Cup (including five goals in one game).

Ken Reed, bought from George Cross for \$8000, will improve from week to week. Like Scott when he was with Ringwood Wilhelmia, Reed scored regularly in Victoria, but Reed did so over a much longer period.

He was the State League's top scorer in 1977 and, counting Cup goals, he was the leader again in 1978.

In short, the Scott-Reed striking partnership looks deadly indeed. Whether John Vernong or Terry Butler will provide the

wing service remains to be seen.

As is the case in midfield, coach Jim Adam is faced with an embarrassment of riches in attack.

The positions that do appear to have been filled are: Greg Woodhouse as goalkeeper, Rod Skellern as right back, Warren Turnbull for left back and Peter Wilson as sweeper.

Ian Rowden will probably line up as the other centre back, but Richards is capable of playing in that position. Whoever gets Adam's nod will face the daunting task of having to stop West Adelaide's gigantic striker David Pillans whose height makes him tower like a lighthouse above everyone else.

West Adelaide's team seems well settled, but coach Tom Forde must, like Jim Adam, make a few difficult decisions. For example, will Grame Honeyman play alongside McGachey and Boyle in midfield, thus forcing Gordon McCulloch out of the team, or will Honeyman play up front, which could mean leaving out Graham Norris.

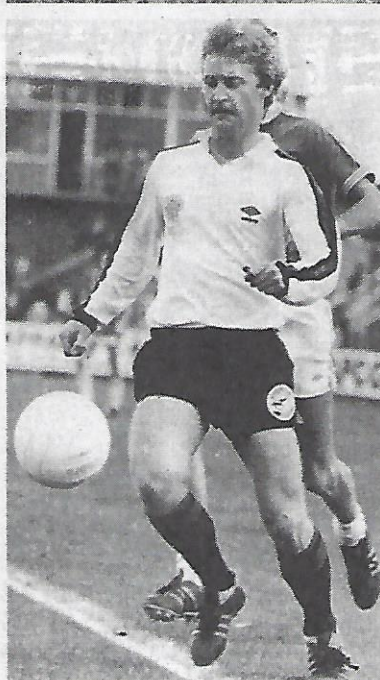
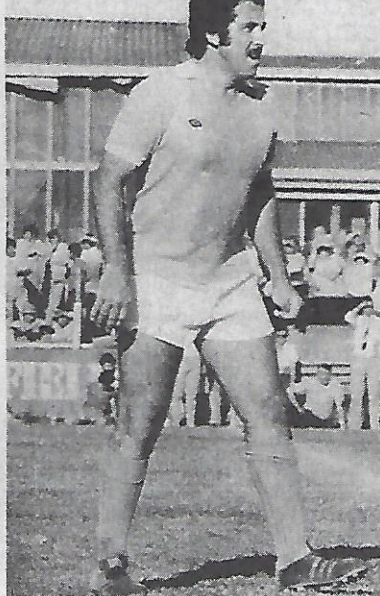
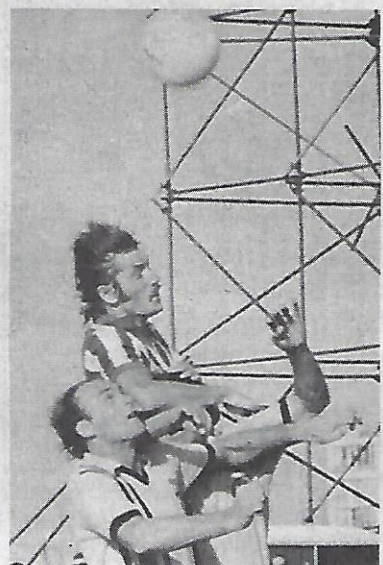
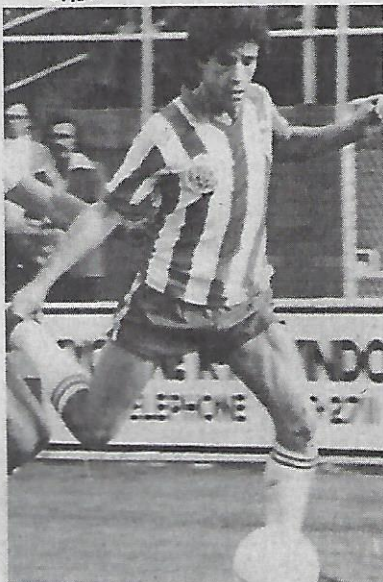
There are no decisions to be made about the defence. It is: Martyn Crook, Barry Reynolds, Con Kambeas, David Jones and Vic Bonzanic.

This will be a match of monumental proportions because of the stature of the players involved. Five of them are Australian internationals - Peter Wilson, Peter Stone, Terry Butler, Ray Richards and David Jones, and Con Kambeas is a former Greek international.

Although APIA has never before played against West Adelaide, many of its players were in the Western Suburbs team that met the South Australian giants.

Results of games between those two clubs were: 1978: West Subs 2 W. Adel. 1 (Sydney), W. Adel. 2 West Subs. 0 (Adel), 1977: West Subs. 1 W. Adel. 1 (Syd), W. Adel. 0 West Subs 1 (Adel).

OUR TIP: WEST ADELAIDE TO WIN.



The APIA v West Adelaide match is likely to be decided by a monumental midfield battle featuring some of the finest players in Australia, including APIA's \$40,000 Italian recruit Rosario Rampanti. The likely West Adelaide line-up (left, top to bottom), is: Neil McGachey, Graham Honeyman and Peter Boyle. A possible APIA line-up is (right, to to bottom): Rampanti, Ray Richards, Peter Stone.



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MARCONI TO FACE BOGEY SIDE

Canberra City v Marconi in Canberra

Marconi has beaten Canberra only once in the Philips League, so despite Marconi's edge in class, this match at Bruce Stadium on Sunday is by no means a foregone conclusion.

In 1977 Canberra probably cost Marconi the championship by beating the Sydney team 1-0 at home and drawing 0-0 away.

And last year Canberra managed another scoreless draw at home before Marconi finally recorded its first win, 2-0, against its bogey team.

After much experimentation — most of it made necessary by injuries — coach **Les Scheinflug** finally has most of the Marconi stars available for selection.

With **Eddie Krncevic**, the \$7000 striker from Essendon Croatia, moving into the attack for his first PSL match, **Tony Henderson** will be freed for a defensive or mid-field role.

Henderson himself wants to play as stopper, but it's unlikely he will get his wish, as Scheinflug quite rightly considers Henderson more valuable in a less restrictive role.

It will be interesting to see how Henderson fares against the club from which he transferred late last year for \$14,000.

Roberto Vieri, who has recovered from injuries, will be back in midfield, alongside **Gary Byrne** and

perhaps **Henderson**. That is a formidable midfield indeed, but Canberra should also be strong in that department, due to the presence of newcomer **Isaac Farrell**, from Motherwell in Scotland.

Farrell was brilliant in Canberra's shock 2-1 victory over South Melbourne a few weeks ago. Marconi had lost 1-3 to South Melbourne the previous week.

Mike Smith, 24, a centre back from Stoke City reserves, and new forward **George Bailey**, should also be rump cards for the reshaped Canberra.

Coach **Vic Fernandez** will have to find room for **Danny Moulis**, and **Mike Milovencovic** who missed the practice games while they were away with the Australian under 19 team.

But who will he drop to make room for them? From all reports, both **Keni Kawaleva** and **Luis Salgado** performed with distinction while the youngsters were away.

There is also doubt about whether **Brian Stoddart** and **Jim Cant** will play. These two regulars were not included in practice games, apparently because Fernandez did not consider them fit enough at this stage.

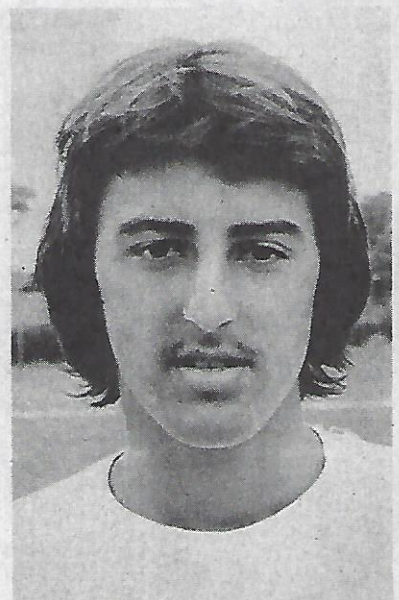
What is certain is that the 11 men who take the field will give it all they've got.

If Moulis plays, as he must, he'll probably mark Marconi's streak of white lightning, **Peter Sharpe**, who hates playing against this close-marking Canberra full back.

If Sharpe is subdued or if Vieri is prevented from giving Sharpe the type of service on which the winger relies, Marconi will lose some of its sting.

However, in Krncevic, **Mark Jankovic**, **Gary Byrne** and Henderson, Marconi has the talent to compensate.

OUR TIP: MARCONI TO WIN.



Canberra City full back Danny Moulis.



Marconi forward Peter Sharpe



Marconi, standing from left: Barry Jones, Fabio Fabrianese, Peter Brogan, Paul Degney, Mark Jankovics, John Russell, Tony Henderson. Front: Allan Maher, Roberto Vieri, Stuart Salvage, Peter Sharpe, Ivo Prskalo.

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Management needs more professionals

A gradual move to put professionals into management positions of our top clubs is a forward step in our soccer development.

The greatest push for more management expertise and commitment seems to be in Sydney.

Sydney City is at the front of the management push with **Harry Lakmaker** the general manager and **John Warren**, promotions manager. **Gerry Chaldi** is of course the chief coach and he is employed on a part-time basis.

Marconi now has a full-time general manager in **Livio Sartoretto** and a full-time manager-coach in **Les Scheinflug**.

At St George a new full-time sales manager, **Alan Barton**, was recently appointed. He joins the part-time general manager, **Les Bortolacci**, and full-time chief coach, **Josef Gelei**.

APIA has a full-time chief coach in **Jim Adam** but is getting by with part-time men, **Harry Ambrose** and **Dave McGuire** who look after secretarial and promotional matters respectively.

Canberra has recruited **Max Talbot**, last year's president at Newcastle KB United, to look after the new licensed club, but generally Canberra like the other capi-

tals, still relies on amateur committees to oversee the progress of their clubs.

I believe Sydney is taking the right step by putting its affairs into the hands of people whose living will stand or fall by their success with the clubs.

Unpaid committeemen have neither the time nor the commitment that is needed to produce successful organisations today.

John Warren, **Alan Barton**, **Livio Sartoretto** and **Harry Lakmaker** are all totally committed to their clubs for their living.

Although Adelaide City has taken on **Rolo Raic** on a full-time basis to oversee the development of soccer in the club, even more important is the development of the club itself.

Its management must be upgraded and what it has to offer sold more effectively to the public.

Full-time manager-coaches rarely survive more than a couple of seasons. A good general manager or promotions manager could expect to stay for a decade if he is doing well.



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With such continuity these men can introduce forward planning into clubs which currently lead such a precarious day-to-day existence.

Toongabbie, in NSW's State League, which is pushing for a Philips League place in the near future, has recognised the wisdom of forward planning and commitment.

It has two full-time executives in charge of its soccer affairs.

Full-time general manager is **Bill Parkhouse** who is supported by a full-time chief coach in **Mick Jones**.

One of the major reasons that Sydney clubs have upgraded their management is sheer necessity caused by falling crowds.

St George and Sydney City particularly face an enormous challenge to win support to sustain a Philips League team.

Both have thriving social clubs which pay the wages of the full-time men and not all interstate clubs have such an advantage.

However, most do have a captive spectator support of reasonable proportions, plus social clubs of some sort which could provide finance to pay the wages of full-time management men.

No organisation can expect to grow without capable, committed professionals in management in today's highly competitive world.

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To continue to leave club management in the hands of amateurs who run soccer as a hobby would be unprogressive and without progress you start to go backward.

There will continue to be an important need for the amateur committee-man in the less vital aspects of day-to-day club management.

But the overall development and promotion of the club must be in the hands of skilled professionals whose livelihood depends on them doing a successful job.

Jovicic and co. have the class



Two of Footscray JUST's imported players: Slobodan Jovanovic (left) and Radoslav Jovicic.

A battle of giants will decide the outcome of Sydney Olympic's home match against Victoria's glamor side of the moment, Footscray J.U.S.T.

The giants are Olympic's twin strikers **Dave McIntosh** and **Clive Eaton** and Footscray's centre backs **Jim Kondarios** and **Radoslav Jovicic**.

If Kondarios and Jovicic contain these lethal goalscorers, Footscray will win.

The Victorians are renowned as the most skilful team in the league. Their overlapping full backs **Zoran Illoski** and **Zdravko Jujic**, plus linkmen **Andrija Ristic**, **Joe Picioane** and **Slobodan Jovanovic**, should give Footscray a decided territorial advantage in midfield and a lion's share of the ball.

This will ensure a steady supply of passes to front-runners **Joe Palinkas**, **Peter Ollerton** and **Mendo Ristovski**.

But all this could come to naught if Eaton and McIntosh are allowed to break through in counter-attacks, fed by dangerous winger **Derek Laing**.

The return of experienced **George Gibson**, who has been out for a long time with a broken leg, will add steel to the Olympic defence, but even with Gibson there to organise play, the back line will find itself stretched to breaking point by Ristovski and Palinkas.

Footscray has long cried out for strength and height in the middle of the attack. Ol-

lerton now provides these qualities, which makes Footscray a much more formidable outfit than it was last season.

But Footscray's real strength is its ability to come from behind, to storm forward in lightning-sharp counter-attacks. And watch Jovicic! He will be a sensation this year just as Lujic was a sensation in 1978.

Jovicic is easily the most stylish sweeper in Australia. He is tall, strong, skilful. He passes with pin-point accuracy over 30 and 40 metres — with the outside of his foot — he gets involved in attacking moves.

He can launch powerful shots at goal.

Coach **Cedo Cirkovic** has had his team working on filling gaps left in the back by advancing defenders. Thus, if Jovicic or one of the full backs comes forward, there is always a man available to cover.

In short, Plavi, the Blues, should have a hell of a season!

Olympic, under **Joe Marston**, looks better than it did last year, due to the inclusion of Eaton, who was bought from Western Suburbs, and the return of the mighty Gibson.

Alan Ainalie, in midfield last year, finds himself at full back now and it appears that Marston will use young **Peter Raskopoulos** who was neglected for most of last season.

Gary Meier remains one of the finest goalkeepers in

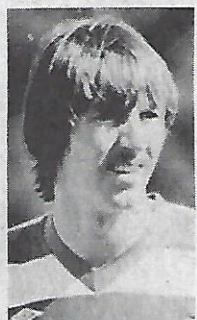
the league, but Footscray's import **Steve Potter**, who played almost 200 games with Swansea in England, is even better.

Richie Bell, the Olympic centre back, will have his hands full with Ollerton while midfielders **Mike Cross**, **Raskopoulos** and **Alex Jamieson** face a formidable task against Ristic, Picioane and Jovanovic.

Neither team has an advantage over the other on the basis of scores since the beginning of the PSL. The scores are:

1977: Footscray 1 Olympic 0, Olympic 0 Footscray 0; 1978: Olympic 1 Footscray 1, Footscray 2 Olympic 3.

Our tip: Footscray to win



Richie Bell



Dave McIntosh



Peter Ollerton



Clive Eaton



Footscray defender Jim Kondarios (left) clears the ball away from South Melbourne winger George Campbell. In the background is Footscray midfielder Joe Picioane.

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NSW AMPOL CUP



St George was given a reprieve from the semi-final showdown against Melita as a result of the torrential rain in Sydney. The team is still the one to beat in this year's Ampol Cup, despite its poor showing against Croatia. Pictured from left to right: standing: Cotton, R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, Coe, Frazer, Grosse, Duarte, Hensman. Front: Harris, Morgan, Utjesenovic, M. O'Shea, O'Connor, Barton.

NSW Cup delayed

Torrential rain caused the postponement of the semi-finals of the NSW Ampol Cup. Sydney City, APIA, Melita Eagles and St George are to play the semi-finals at Wentworth Park from 1.15 pm on Sunday.

Wentworth Park looked a sorry sight the morning of the proposed semi-finals, and it is unlikely to look any better before next weekend.

Assuming all goes according to plan, the semi-final battles in the Ampol Cup will see the following line-ups:

SYDNEY CITY

Pezzano
Kershaw, Trenter, O'Connor, Thompson
Stevenson, Souness, Barnes
Watson, T. Smith, Silva

APIA

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Skellern, Rowden, Wilson, Turnbull
O'Donnell, Stone, Richards
Butler, Scott, Vernon

MELITA EAGLES

Bracklow
Ververis, Mikas, Yamino, McDonald
Parker, Darvill, McAusland
D. Allan, Farrugia, Jones

ST GEORGE

Coe
Harris, Utjesenovic, Della Picca, Grosse
Matic, J. O'Shea, Gnani
Duarte, Cotton, O'Connor

WILLIAMS INJURED

By PETER WINDSOR

Canberra City has won the wrangle surrounding the future of their three star, much-in-demand teenagers and Australian under-19 squad representatives Stephen Hogg, Danny Moulis and Mike Milovanovic.

All have re-signed for Canberra for 1979 with Moulis having had a substantial offer to join Sydney City and Hogg a similar sound offer to join Brisbane City.

Milovanovic has also had offers to join other PSL clubs.

This trio are products of Canberra soccer and were three of the best players in Australia's recent battles in Paraguay.

The other man who finally put his name on the dotted line for Canberra this week was Harry Williams, long-time St

George stalwart and former Soccerero.

Williams, who much to the joy of Canberra's president Charles Perkins, now lives in Canberra, could be a great acquisition for Canberra but a sizeable question-mark still hangs over his fitness.

Williams broke down in training and has still not fully recovered. City was disappointed this week at the lack of fitness of their most recent acquisition Mike Smith, former captain of Stoke City Reserve side.

Smith has not played or trained for 2½ months and is overweight and out of condition.

This fact must have proved a great disappointment to City's directors who paid their UK agent \$500 for Smith's services.

Now the good news. Canberra has signed Irish Premier League central defender, Paul Fielding.

Fielding, 25, from top Irish club Sligo Rovers, will arrive in Australia this weekend.

Said City administrator Max Talbot: "He comes with a great reputation. He is rated one of the best halfbacks in Irish soccer."

City has Fielding until the season's end — if not for Philips Cup games. He must be back in Ireland by August 29.

Last week Canberra City, always a progressive and go-ahead club, scored great success with its media night.

All arms of the Canberra media attended to hear Charles Perkins outline the club's plans, detail close season signings and receive a 40-page media guide.

The media guide will be of positive benefit. It includes:

- The history of Canberra City
- A handy ready reckoner of all match statistics
- A photographic lift-out of all Canberra City players with the exception of Smith who arrived after the collage picture was taken
- Names and phone numbers of all club contacts

More than 30 people attended the evening in which Perkins said: "Canberra City has come of age. We want everyone to think of Canberra City not as just a soccer club, but a club that can promote Canberra, the national capital."

"We are, after all, the only Canberra sporting club to participate in any regular national competition."

"We want the sporting public of Canberra to get behind us."

The other major coup was that the foreword came from the Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, who is Canberra City's patron.

The Prime Minister said: "I have been impressed by the initiative and effort that established Canberra City soccer club. Dedication, and just plain hard work, by directors, players, coaches and supporters alike have been responsible for the clubs emergence as a real force in the soccer world."

"It is fitting tribute to the club that Canberra City had three representatives in the Australian under-19 team, which, I understand, will form the nucleus of the national team competing for a place in the final rounds of the World Cup in Spain in 1982."

"The establishment of a national soccer league with teams from major cities competing on a weekly basis is an important development in Australian sport."

"As patron of Canberra City soccer club I am delighted to offer my support for the club in promoting top class soccer in this region."

"I wish the club the best of football in the years ahead."

Krncevic goals, JUST falters

FOOTSCRAY JUST. 0 MARCONI 3 (Henderson 40th, Krncevic 55th, Jankovic 82nd), PSL practice match at Schintler Reserve, crowd about 2000.

MARCONI: Maher, Brogen, Russell, Prkalo, Degney, Lindsay, Byrne, Henderson, Krncevic, Jankovic, Shame.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter, Plicione (Todorovic 58th), Palinka, Otten, Ristovski (Rujovic 58th).

Eddie Krncevic marked his first game for Marconi with a well-taken goal and mid-fielder Slobodan Jovanovic showed probably his best form since joining Footscray J.U.S.T. in the last practice match before the PSL season kicks off on the weekend.

However, the best player of them all was Footscray centre back Jim Kondarios, who gets better from year to year. National coach Rudi Gutendorf would be well advised to have a close look at the big defender the first chance he gets.

Krncevic, the Australian youth international bought from Essendon Croatia, had his first scoring chance on a loose ball in the fourth minute but goalkeeper Steve Potter saved by diving at the striker's feet.

Footscray had the edge early in the game, when Mendo Ristovski was offering himself for every ball in attack and when Joe Plicione was cutting the Marconi defence with some fine passes.

Peter Brogen did well to run Ristovski down after such a pass from Plicione. Another good ball from Plicione found Ristovski wrong-footed and unable to connect properly with the ball. Joe Palinka, following up, blasted it over the bar.

After half an hour Palinka capped a fine run down the wing by squaring the ball for Plicione whose shot was blocked. The ball bounced to Peter Otten who slid in but hit the post.

Otten was marked out in the game by John Russell but in the 35th minute he laid the ball back well to Plicione whose powerful first-time drive was stopped by goalkeeper Allan Maher.

Jovanovic and Zdravko Lujic worked the ball forward in a brilliant first-time passing movement, before Zoran Ilkoski laid it off for Plicione, who hit the bottom of the post.

Five minutes from the end of the first half Footscray's classy sweeper Radoslav Jovicic blocked a drive by Gary Byrne, and allowed the ball to bounce out of his reach to Tony Henderson who drove it low into the net for Marconi's first goal.

After Potter had saved a close-range attempt by Peter Shame just after half-time, Krncevic scored the goal that sealed the result.

After a pass from Mark Jankovic, Krncevic shrugged off Jovicic, dribbled around goalkeeper Potter and planted the ball into the empty net.

Footscray coach Cedo Cirkevich then reshuffled his team, replacing Ristovski with Mirko Rujovic, pushing Lujic from left back to the left wing and switching Ilkoski to left back.

Shortly afterwards, Zoran Todorovic came on to replace Plicione, who had been Footscray's most dangerous attacking player. Footscray did not look dangerous from that point onwards.

In the 82nd minute Shame got away down the right wing and crossed to the middle where Jankovic chested the ball down and rammed it past Potter from the edge of the penalty area for the third goal.

Russell had a sound game in defence and Ivo Prkalo showed

he is still one of the shrewdest sweepers in the national league. Gary Byrne showed great improvement in midfield and it shouldn't be long before he's back to his best international form.

Tony Henderson played an efficient midfield game and remains Marconi's top scorer. However, coach Lee Scheinflug is still looking forward to the day that he can use Henderson at centre back.

The great Roberto Vieri did not make the trip to Melbourne. Scheinflug said that Vieri was not fully fit — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Gerd's by Soc



Going back to West Germany in 1974 for the World Cup finals has to rate as the most memorable period of my football career.

However, had I known just how hectic it was going to be, I might well have been a little daunted by the trip. It was unbelievable the interest shown in the Australian team and myself during that trip.

It all started early in 1974 after we qualified, when a German television crew landed in Australia to make a sports documentary on how I lived and spent my time, both at work and training, as well as at home.

This was really the start of the mass media coverage I seemed to attract before and during the World Cup series. The show was broadcast in West Germany as a prelude to the World Cup finals, and I found when I arrived there I was a nationally-known figure.

Before we even left Australia, a newspaper from Hamburg was calling by telephone each week for me to write an article for the sports section. This was, I must admit, a little overwhelming when compared to the media coverage I (and the Australian team in general) was getting at home.

Being born in Germany helped a lot in this regard, because I knew about the country and spoke the language, which was most important. This gave the Australians an outlet, publicity wise, in West Germany.

The man who did the film on me, was Peter Bizer, West Germany's top television interviewer, and one of the top journalists.

In the past he had written books about Guenther Netzer and done a top documentary on George Best.



Slobodan Jovanovic of Footscray slide tackles Marconi forward Mark Jankovic during the teams' practice match at Schintler Reserve last Sunday.

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Striker Dragan Vasic and right back Paul Hyne have been placed on the transfer list by Footscray J.U.S.T.

Vasic was imported from Yugoslavia late in 1977.

Hyne, an Englishman who played for Bremerhaven in the German Second Division, was imported early this year together with Steve Carpenter, a mid-fielder.

Also on J.U.S.T.'s transfer list is brilliant goalkeeper Denis Boland who was among the leaders last year in the voting for the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" Player of the Year award. Mike O'Hara, the goalkeeper who previously played for Hakoah, Slavia and Victoria, also wants a transfer from J.U.S.T.

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Schaefer's Shots



West German striker Gerd Mueller (right) heads his country's third goal in its World Cup match with Australia in 1974.

Our training camp was as good as I've seen anywhere in the world, and we really settled down to it with more and more media coverage every day.

However the attitude of the West German media before the first game was a little peculiar. They thought we were just the lambs for the slaughter. They soon found out different.

On free days the Australian media and I couldn't walk down the street without being surrounded by soccer fans, who had recognised me from the television and newspapers.

They all wanted to talk football, and get my autograph. However, the Australian team was mobbed wherever it went. I felt the camp was always visited by callers and well-wishers. The real impact of the Australian wasn't felt until after the first match. It was a 2-0 loss to East Germany. Although we lost, the first hour of the match played Australia into the hearts of the Australian crowd.

We kept the East German manager scoreless during this time. In fact made them look not so excellent when they were made out to be.

The top East German striker, Gerd Mueller, who I had the privilege of marking at the end of the night, was an unassuming man with only half an hour to go.

He repeatedly told me, in German, that the scoreline shouldn't be 0-0 and this result just wouldn't be allowed to happen.

As it turned out, they scored the first goal on the half hour. Gerd Mueller hammered home a brilliant half-volley a few minutes before the end of our hopes.

This was the game which Australia came of age in international football. Australia had taken on one of the greats of the tournament, one of the best sides in the world. East Germany had yielded great results leading to the finals. We held them for an hour, until their superstars proved too much.

I think the German public took to heart after this match. In the 1974 World Cup, we were amateurs. We had a banker, a foreman, a coal miner, a milkman, a sports store owner, a roofer, a salesman, a promotions man, a labourer and a car salesman in our team, plus a part time school.

Yet we were able to get good results. It was a great feeling that it, although we lost, we felt we had achieved something.

The media reviews of the match, praised us, apart from the disgruntled BBC men, and English newspaper men, who were still smarting over a team from Poland putting them out of the cup earlier.

Next came the West German team. This was a different kettle of fish. They scored two goals



By Meno Toutsidis

West Adelaide grabbed the Ampol cup with a dramatic 2-1 extra time victory over a gallant Croatia at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Croatia, which had not lost a game, held the PSL champions to a goal-less draw until extra time.

West were a cut above Croatia for most of the match, but simply could not turn their superiority into goals.

Vic Bozanic, the hero of West's PSL side, scored against Adelaide City last August, put them on the victory trail with an 83rd minute goal.

The PSL champions began at a furious pace and dissected Croatia with some precise passing with Peter Boyle stamping his authority in midfield.

West's big downfall, however, was breaking down Croatia's defence. They continually worked their way around the defence, but their finishing was poor.

South Australian Ampol Cup BOZANIC AGAIN THE HERO

WEST ADELAIDE 2 CROATIA 1

Goals: Bozanic 1-0 (83), McGregor 2-0 (100), Pope 2-1 (108). Crowd: 4,600.

WEST: Crook 7, Bozanic 8, Reynolds 7 (Kouliamos), McGachey 8, Kambas 7, Jones 7, Boyle 8, McCulloch 7, Honeyman 7 (Tymczynski), McGregor 8, Norris 7.

CROATIA: Pryzbylski 7, Holland 7, Iotter 8, Toth 8, Williams 7, Bendall 7, Pope 7, Harrow 7, Rogosic 5, Thompson 7, Hayes 7.

Their tactics of playing high balls in the heart of defence failed simply because Croatia's Bruno Kotir thumped everything that came his way.

While West were making hard work of scoring, Croatia almost went a goal up with their first attack.

But unfortunately Terry Hayes hit the post with a great 20 metre shot.

Graham Honeyman, Boyle and Ian McGregor all had shots for West after that let off but they were blocked by defenders.

Croatia, which began to look confident by the moment, were dangerous early

in the second half and Hayes shot powerfully over the bar.

McGregor retaliated with a ground shot five minutes later and David Jones followed it up with a flashing header past the near post.

West intensified their attacking thrusts but were making little impression on Croatia's defence.

However Honeyman came close with a firm ground shot after outwitting three defenders in the 75th minute.

But from that point Croatia came out of their defensive shell and with West beginning to tire, the match could have swung either way.

Ben Rogosic blew a golden opportunity in the 67th minute when he broke away and with Martyn Crook well off his line shot wide.

West coach Tom Forde made a crucial change for the start of extra time and it swung the match for them.

Graham Honeyman, who was not fully fit, came off and was replaced by Peter Tymczynski, who moved into defence which allowed Bozanic to join Boyle and McGachey in midfield.

Within three minutes Bozanic gave them the lead with a superb goal.

McGregor inspired the move with a deft pass and Bozanic took one step before hitting a scorching 15 metre shot into the roof of the net which left Jack Pryzbylski transfixed on his line.

McGregor added the second goal in the 20th minute of extra time with a powerful rising shot from outside the penalty area.

John Pope reduced the deficit when he caught Crook off his line and lobbed it over his head from 20 metres.



Harry Cavan (FIFA)

Tony for Japan?

During a recent visit by FIFA official Harry Cavan, it was revealed that Australia's top referee, Tony Boskovic, may officiate in the world youth championships in Japan in August this year.

Mr Cavan was non-committal on the appointment of Boskovic, but suggested that the FIFA referees' committee will certainly have our leading referee on the list of possibilities for the World Cup appointments.

the World Cup in Germany in 1974 and also was the lead referee during the ladies' World Cup played in Taiwan last year. Boskovic refereed the final of this tournament.

It would be an honor not only for Mr Boskovic, but also for Australia, to have our leading referee in Japan.

We are almost certain to gain the votes of the FIFA committee according to Mr Cavan, and should stage the third World Youth Cup in Australia in 1981. The initial World Youth Cup was held in Tunisia, and the second is to be held at the end of August this year in Japan.

John Pope reduced the deficit when he caught Crook off his line and lobbed it over his head from 20 metres.

Davidson OK

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Deans, Northcote) SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 at Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide, crowd about 2000.

The only pleasing aspect about this game as far as South Melbourne is concerned was the good form of Australian youth international Alan Davidson.

Davidson, bought from Altona City for only \$1000, played for the full match.

Stuart Markland, the Sydney Olympic defender, was tried out but was not fit. South Melbourne president Sam Pappasava has denied that the club intends to buy him.

Adelaide City used Chris Kent, its recruit from South Melbourne, but Rasic replaced him in the second half.

Dixie Deans and Brian Northcote scored City's two goals.

PM's Cup draw

Newcastle KB United and Canberra City drew 2-2 in the first leg of their Prime Minister's Cup tie in Newcastle at the weekend.

The second leg will be played later in the season.

Goals by Ken Boden and Keith Herrie gave Newcastle a 2-0 lead at half time but Canberra equalised with goals by Isaac Ferrell and Jim Cant.

Highlights of the game were shown on TV by NBN3 in Newcastle and CTC7 in Canberra.

Makedonia v Croatia

Preston Makedonia will play Essendon Croatia in a charity game on Moomba Monday (March 12).

Proceeds go to the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital (PANCH).

The game will be played at B. T. Connor Reserve, kick-off 3 p.m.

Paton wants to be a Soccerroo

From page one

However, the fact that both Banovic and Cumming have signed contracts for this season may prove an obstacle to their ambitions.

A transfer for Cumming could involve the Department of Immigration, as Cumming hasn't yet been granted permanent residency and Croatia has been given the responsibility for his welfare.

About a transfer for Banovic, Burin said his club had an agreement with Adelaide Croatia, Banovic's former club, that the goalkeeper should be transferred for not less than \$10,000 if he ever decides to leave Essendon. A large portion of that fee would go to Adelaide, Burin said.

He added Banovic was a better goalkeeper than Peter Laumeta, who Makedonia sold to Geelong Melbourne for \$15,000 and that Banovic was therefore worth more than \$15,000.

About Cumming, Burin said: "We paid \$6500 for him but his value has increased."

"We deplore the attitude of clubs that think Croatia must release players on demand. We will

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GEORGE CROSS 2 JUVENTUS 3 SLAVIA 1 ALTONA 1

Scorers: Williams (Slav) 31st, Sodonaco (Geo) 40th, Mizzi (Geo) 53rd.
Ground: B. T. Connor Reserve.
Crowd: 2000.
Weather: Pleasant with breezes.
Referee: Les Hazlehurst 6.

Cautions: Mifsud (Geo).
Ratings:
GEORGE CROSS: Mat-
son 7, Cutajar 6, Maitland
7, Wilkinson 8, Barron 8,
Mifsud 6, Castiello 5,
Mirak 5, Sodonaco 6,
Mizzi 6, Thom 6. Total: 70.
SLAVIA: McPherson 6,
Thompson 8, Westley 6,
Tuft 7, Shuttleworth 6
(Kinneer 53rd min),
Brindle 6 (Mooneghan 63rd
min), Pye 5, Train 6, Wil-
liams 6, Paton 6, Aldridge
6. Total: 68.

The midfield play of
George Cross and Slavia was
very poor and as a result,
the game never flowed and failed
to provide entertainment.

In the first half the midfield
was a scramble for the many
loose balls. The midfield
players were playing too
close to each other but even
when space was made, the
passing was atrocious.

Slavia strikers Jim Paton
and Steve Aldridge received
a series of 'hospital' balls, the
type that centre halves love
to see given.

On most occasions, the
ball was ballooned forward at
the front men and in the
windy conditions the defend-
ers once again didn't mind at all.

George Cross was no bet-
ter. Brian Thom, Ray Mizzi
and Steve Sodonaco all
struggled to get into the
game.

Billy Wilkinson was one
George Cross player who
tried to keep the ball on the
deck and give 'clean' passes
and it was no surprise when
he shifted from defence to
midfield after the interval.
Derek Barron, the Cross
left back, gave another sound
display, with his work as an
attacker being a bonus. It was
a great run by Barron down
the left flank that set up
George Cross' winning goal.

A goal by Slavia's Jim
Williams four minutes before
half time saved the game
from being a dreary affair.
Before Williams slammed
home a rebound after Svez
Matsson had saved a fierce
Paton header, the players
were lacklustre and lacked
conviction.

George Cross came out
after the break full of fight.
The standard didn't improve
but at least the tempo in-
creased and the fans were
kept awake.

George's comeback started
when the Slavia defence
lapsed and allowed a diagon-
al ball to be played through
the penalty area.

Youngster Steve Sodo-
naco ghosted in on the far
post to equalise with a left
foot shot.

Thirteen minutes later
George Cross was in front. A
run by Barron saw Thom cut
back a pass to Mizzi. His
drive from 10 metres gave
Alex McPherson no chance.

George Cross fully deserv-
ed its win on endeavour in
the second half, but Slavia's
performance was disap-
pointing. The team's pat-
tern of play hasn't been the
same since an impressive first
round effort against Frank-
ston City.

Frank Thompson contin-
ued to show good form and
often overlaps well. But
apart from the Slavia full
back, none of the other
players showed much at all.

Jim Paparas was missing
from the George Cross team
and he's reported to have an
injury.

Slavia used two newly-ar-
rived players, Tony Kinneer
and Brian Mooneghan. —
KYLE PATTERSON.

Scorers: J. Lucchesi
22nd, McGuinness 40th,
Smith pen. 50th (Juve); G.
Train pen. 55th.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: Mild.
Cautions: Lewis (Alt), N.
Little (Alt), Berbia (Juve).
Referee: Mark Momont 6.

Ratings:
JUVENTUS: Terzini 7.5;
Sabadini 6.5, Vaughan 6,
Della Rocca 6, Tarquinio 7;
Smith 6, Berbia 7 (Sanni-
poli 48th), C. Lucchesi 8;
McGuinness 6, Gillan 6, J.
Lucchesi 6.5. Total: 74.5.
ALTONA: van der Poel
5.5; Lewis 6, Kelly 7.5,
Murray 6, G. Train 6;
Watters 6, Banagan 5,
Hird 5; Ignatidis 5 (Di-
movski 42nd), Little 7.5,
Taylor 6 (injured, J. Little
52nd).

Total: 64.5.
After three weeks of ex-
perimentation, Juventus
coach Tony Boggi found a
winning combination that
played attractive soccer.

Juventus, featuring striker
George Gillan, who had been
bought from Fitzroy for
\$3000—the previous day,
must have had 80 per cent of
the play, but Altona fought
back strongly in the second
half during which Harry Hird
and substitute John Little hit
the woodwork.

Claude Lucchesi showed
once again what a shrewd
creator he can be in midfield
and his brother John, in the
team in place of Tony Curcio,
has rarely been better.

Carlos Berbia, given a
chance in midfield in the ab-
sence of injured Bruno Sabi-
dussi, showed enough to
warrant giving him further
senior games. He is a skilful
player who is also extremely
tough.

Toughness is what Altona
lacked in midfield. Nat Little
showed that quality in attack
and Kevin Kelly showed it in
defence but in midfield,
Altona did not have a ball
winner.

Berbia and Kelly were on
the verge of a punch-up early
in the game, as Kelly turned
and pushed Berbia who had
clipped the heels of the
Altona centre back.

In the 22nd minute, Berbia
started the move that put Ju-
ventus into the lead. He
played a long through pass
for John Lucchesi to run onto.
Altona goalkeeper Hans van-
der Poel managed to get at
Lucchesi's shot, but the ball
went under his body into the
net.

Van der Poel also was
partly to blame for the second
goal, but he did make a few
good saves, like diving at the
feet of Gillan who had been
put through by a pass from
Claude Lucchesi.

Robert Terzini had a sound
game in Juventus' goal. His
first good save was from a
header by Bob Taylor in the
34th minute and later he also
foiled Con Ignatidis and Harry
Hird.

Claude Lucchesi started
the move that led to Juve-
nus' second goal, five minutes
after half time. Picking up the
ball in defence, he turned out
of trouble, headed upfield and
relayed a fine pass to John
McGuinness. From a slight
angle, McGuinness sent a
slightly swerving shot vir-
tually through van der Poel's
grasping hands, into the net.
Juventus' third goal in the
50th minute came from a
penalty converted by Charlie
Smith after Peter Lewis had
brought down John Lucchesi
from behind.

But five minutes later,
Altona was also given a pen-
alty after a Juventus defender
had handballed clear a good
header by Taylor. Taylor was
hurt in the incident and was
replaced by John Little just
after George Train scored
from the spot.

— LAURIE SCHWAB.

SUNSHINE 0 HAKOAH 1

Scorer: Bozinovski 31
22nd, McGuinness 40th,
Smith pen. 50th (Juve); G.
Train pen. 55th.
Ground: McClelland
Drive, Frankston
Referee: Mike Gaut 6.5.
Cautions: French (H)
Send Off: Gilmour 40th
(SC)
Weather: Overcast,
windy

Ratings:
HAKOAH: Whiteside 6,
Daparis 6, Gadaby 7,
Dosen 6.5, Rakovallis 5,
(Owens 59th), Jordanou 6,
Blair 7, Gibson 6.5, Nagy
6, French 6, Bozinovski 6
(Rigby 36th). Total: 68.
SUNSHINE: Scholten 6,
Dixey 6, Lowe 7.5, Ellis
6.5, Howe 6, R. Nelson 7,
Mussell 6, McNally 6
(Paisley 51st), Gilmour 5,
Leing 6, D. Nelson 5.
Total: 69.

Dave Rigby, a Friday night
signing by Hakoah from Ade-
laide City, made a good start
for his new club after sub-
stituting for Branko Bozi-
novski at half time. He
created two good chances
which could have sewn up
the match long before the
final whistle.

The first, which he finished
himself, was just wide, while
from the second he put Stuart
Blair through with a defence-
splitting pass, but Blair hesi-
tated and lost the chance.

The match was played in
blustery conditions and this,
aided by the uneven pitch,
made good soccer difficult.
Both defences were well on
top, with Nick Lowe the ab-
solute master for Sunshine.

Early in the match, Sun-
shine keeper John Scholten
fumbled the ball in saving a
half-hit shot and Les Nagy
following up, directed the ball
goalwards only to be foiled by
Mick Dixey who cleared off
the line.

At the other end David
Nelson caught Anton
Dosen in possession and
sent a cross into the area for
a header by John McNally
which Whiteside punched
away.

Hakoah scored from a
carelessly conceded corner in
the 31st minute. Les Nagy
took the kick, found French,
who had his shot blocked,
and Bozinovski sent the re-
bound through a melee of
legs into the net.

Referee Gaut tightened
his discipline in the second
half, sending off Stewart
Gilmour for retreating
against French.

Earlier Robbie Nelson
had been let off with a simple
talking to for chopping down
Jordanou, while John
Daparis was punished with
a free kick against for
swinging a wild boot at
David Nelson.

The match provided little
entertainment-wise but
Frank Miele's side worked
as a unit and it will take a
good side to unsettle them
in the semis. — PETER
DESIRA

The top players

Leading averages:
8 Johnson (Albion), Banov-
ic (Cro), Cain (Ajax), Carr (Aj-
ax), Vojtek (Ajax), Beech
(Mak).

7.5 Wark (Albion), Lowrey
(Croy), Smith (Croy), Mitten
(Franks), Wilkinson (Geo
Cross), Mizzi (Geo Cross),
Perkins (Ajax), Rakovallis
(Hak), Nagy (Hak), C. Lu-
cchesi (Juve), McMillan (Mak),
Rainey (Mak).

7 Edwards (Croy), Spink
(Croy), Adams (Franks),
McClusky (Franks), Webster
(Franks), G. Bannon (Frankston),
Coulson (Franks), Gibson
(Hak), McGuinness (Juve),
Thompson (Slavia), J. Train
(Slavia), Garthwaite (Mak),
Bernard (Mak), Lowe (Suns),
Blair (Albion).



VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP



George Gillan, bought by Juventus from Fitzroy Alexander for \$3000, is closely guarded by Altona defenders George Train (left) and Keith Murray. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

Sunshine and Croydon in scramble for semi-finals

Sunshine City can sew up a semi finals
berth if it defeats Croydon City at Olympic
Park tonight (Wednesday).



Albion Rovers striker George Miller is foiled by Croatia goalkeeper Yanka Banovic.



George Cross goalkeeper Svez Matsson.



Juventus forward Bobby McGuinness (left) fires at goal, past Harry Hird of Altona.

The match is the second part of double header, which starts
at 7.30 pm, to play postponed Ampol Cup fixtures.

Slavia meets Albion Rovers in the first game.
Sunshine and Croydon both have four points, and are the
leading contenders to join Hakoah (eight points) as the Group B
semi finalists.

A win for Sunshine would give it six points, with an easy
match against out-of-form Altona City in the final round this
weekend.

A loss for Croydon would be disastrous, as the newly-pro-
moted club has to play unbeaten Hakoah in its last match.

Hakoah is the only team assured of a semi-finals berth and
the final games will produce more than one tough encounter as
the scramble begins.

Only three clubs — Juventus, Albion and Altona — are out of
the running. Some of the clubs still in the running have only an
outside chance but it shows the tightness of the competition.

If Slavia wins its game against Albion tonight, a result which
is expected, then it joins George Cross and Croatia as the bound
dogs on the heels of Green Gully, Ajax and Frankston City.

Ajax and Frankston have six points each, but with the three
outsiders only one game behind, their semi-finals places are far
from secure.

Croatia, although not at its peak, could easily hit form and
topple Frankston. Likewise, Slavia could have a form reversal
and upset Ajax.

If the group leaders were upset, and George Cross downs
Albion, there would be five teams on six points, with goal differ-
ence deciding the issue.

Preston Makedonia has little chance of edging out Sunshine
or Croydon for second place in the group.

Preston needs an avalanche of goals against Juventus this
Friday night, then hope Sunshine and Croydon suffer last round
defeats. This is too much to hope for. — KYLE PATTERSON

Ampol Cup round five —
Friday March 9 at Olympic Park,
ESSENDON CROATIA v FRANKSTON CITY 7.30 pm.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v JUVENTUS 8.45 pm.
Saturday March 10 at Croydon Park,
SLAVIA v GREEN GULLY AJAX 2.00 pm.
CROYDON CITY v HAKOAH ST. KILDA 3.15 pm.
Sunday, March 11 at Kim Reserve,
ALTONA CITY v SUNSHINE CITY 2.00 pm.
GEORGE CROSS v ALBION ROVERS 3.15 pm.
Wednesday March 7 at Olympic Park,
ALBION ROVERS v SLAVIA 7.30 pm.
SUNSHINE CITY v CROYDON CITY 8.15 pm.

STANDINGS

GROUP A					
	W	D	F	A	Pts.
GG Ajax	3	1	0	5	6
Frankston	3	1	0	6	6
Croatia	2	2	5	4	4
Geo Cross	1	2	2	4	4
Slavia	0	3	2	8	0*
GROUP B					
	W	D	F	A	Pts.
Hakoah	4	0	7	2	8
Croydon	2	1	5	3	4*
Makedonia	2	2	3	4	4
Sunshine	2	1	1	4*	4
Juventus	1	3	5	7	2
Altona	0	4	4	10	0

*game in hand.

Leading goalscorers: — 5 Mitten (Frankston), Carr
(Ajax); 3 Cumming (Cro), Segi (Ajax); 2 Watters (Alt),
G Train (Alt), Wyllie (Croy), G. Bannon (Frankston),
Mizzi (Geo Cross), Bozinovski (Hak), French (Hak),
Smith (Juve).

Paisley for Piotrowski

Sunshine City's long-
serving forward Kaz Pio-
trowski has transferred to
Werribee in a deal that in-
volves Werribee's Mike
Paisley coming to Sun-
shine.

Craig Thompson, who
played one senior game for
Sunshine, switched to Wer-
ribee with Piotrowski.

Sunshine was impressed
with Paisley when he played
in a recent practice match
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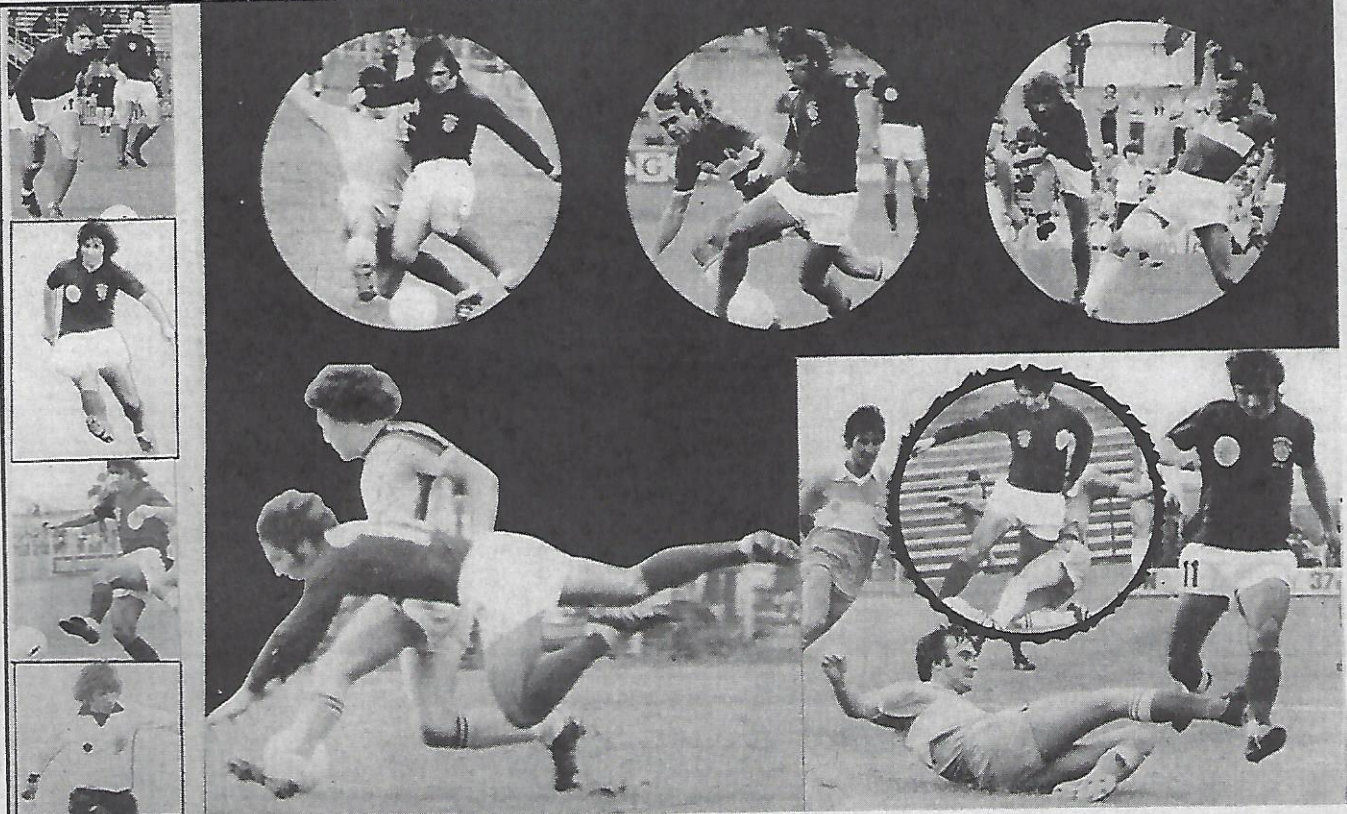
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Top teams

Team aggregates:

- 1 Makedonia 304
- 2 GG Ajax 298
- 3 Geo Cross 298.5
- 4 Frankston 293.5
- 5 Hakoah 285
- 6 Juventus 278
- 7 Croatia 272.5
- 8 Altona 260.5
- 9 Croydon 216.5 =
- 10 Albion 209.5 =
- 11 Sunshine 206 =
- 12 Slavia 204 =

= game in hand



Footscray JUST's ace winger Mendo Ristovski can now look back on the days when he was labelled the "teenage superstar" and remember the enormous pressure he faced when playing.

Mendo Ristovski, seen through the camera of SAM BELFONTE. Some of his opponents, pictured here, are Marconi's Mark Jankovics (top, second from right), Ivo Prskalo of Marconi (top right) and Eddie Thomson of Sydney City (bottom right).

Like so many others who made a name for themselves at an early age, Ristovski found it hard to adjust and go from the budding youngster to the established senior.

Living up to other people's expectations places a heavy strain on young players.

"When I came into the JUST first team as a 16-year-old," said Mendo, "there was a lot of pressure on me. People were telling me to do this or do that and it made it very hard."

"I was always expected to do something outstanding. I could play a good game but unless I scored a great goal or beat my marker all the time, the supporters would think I played badly."

"And when I was going through a bad patch it was even worse. Sometimes things just don't go right and there's not much you can do."

Ristovski's problems started when he made a brilliant debut in 1972. His performance stunned the fans, but set a high level for Mendo to maintain.

Ristovski remembers his first game well.

"I played only three or four games in the reserve team before being promoted," said Mendo. "I virtually went from under 16 to State League first in one jump."

"But my first game was fantastic. It's still my most memorable match."

Mendo played alongside JUST greats Branko Buljevic, Frank Micic, Dan Zoraja and Jimmy Milisavljevic, players Mendo had watched and idolised in years previous.

His first match was against South Melbourne Hellas at Olympic Park in the 1972 Victorian State League Cup.

The result was a 0-0 draw.

"I was very nervous at the start," said Mendo, "but settled down once we got going."

"I had a great game," he continued, full of typical Ristovski self-confidence, "and never stopped running."

Buljevic was sent off in that match, just after half time, making JUST's performance more creditable.

In the return match a week later at Middle Park, Ristovski stole the stage and won the hearts of JUST fans.

Ristovski was again outstanding, but his moment of glory came after extra time. A 1-1 scoreline was the result after the battle, and penalties were needed.

With the penalty showdown tied up, JUST had one penalty remaining. The fans were wondering who was going to take the vital kick.

Ristovski was the one, and with the coolness of a player of great experience, he slotted home the penalty to win the game for Footscray.

You can see why the Footscray fans expected a lot from young Ristovski in the years to come!

"The following season I found out a few things the hard way," he said. "I was injured and missed a couple of games and had to work to regain fitness and form."

He battled through the difficult period and now has a far more relaxed attitude towards soccer.

"The pressure is gone," he said. "I play my own game and don't care

one bit about others trying to tell me what to do."

"I'm part of the team and I try to do my best every game. I'm out to do well for Footscray JUST and myself, but I don't worry about any supporters who expect more from me."

Mendo knows why he was able to break away from the pressures of old.

"Branko Buljevic gave me the start," said Mendo. "We used to play on the same side of the field and got a pretty good understanding of each other. We could really get going during a match."

"Because of that, I felt part of the team."

Buljevic left JUST in 1977 to join Fitzroy Utd. The transfer fee was \$12,000.

The second thing that helped Mendo was the emergence of Zoran Ilioski and Joe Picioane in the Footscray team.

"When I first came into the team," he said, "the next youngest player was Jimmy Milisavljevic. He was 24 but I was only 16, meaning there was a big gap. For a few years I was stranded as the kid of the team."

"But over the past few years, Ilioski and Picio have become established in the team. When they first came in, it meant I was no longer the youngest and least experienced."

There was never any doubt that Ristovski would become an established player. Critics will say he has stagnated over the past few seasons but the super-confident, cheeky Mendo has no doubts about his ability.

The compact winger was born in Bitolje, Yugoslavia, on February 2, 1956.

He played no competitive soccer in his homeland but served his apprenticeship in village streets.

When eight years old, Ristovski and his family came to Australia. Even then, he didn't go straight into soccer. Joining JUST was an accident.

"For some reason my father didn't want me to play soccer," said Mendo. "On weekends I always got up early and went walking. One Sunday morning I saw a friend from school walking with a sports bag. I asked where he was going and he said to Footscray Park to play with JUST."

"I tagged along and at the ground I met Zika Nikolic, who was looking after Footscray's juniors."

Nikolic, who has started the careers of many fine JUST layers, invited young Mendo to play.

"I didn't have any boots," said Mendo, "so I played in my sandshoes. I scored two goals and joined the club the next week."

Ristovski, who has been with JUST nearly 14 years, progressed through the club's junior teams.

Along the way, he came under the eye of several fine coaches.

"In under 12, I was coached by Cedo Cirkovic, current JUST first team coach," said Mendo. "The following year, Rale Rasic coached me. Both Rale and Cira were involved in the seniors, but found time to coach junior teams as well."

"Milos Adamovic was my coach between under 13 and under 15. All three helped me tremendously."

Mendo first played in the reserves at Footscray while still at under 15 level.

Then came the jump from under 16 to senior soccer.

After bursting into soccer with such a great impact, Ristovski's career has been followed closely. So far he has made two appearances in Socceroo colors, but clearly he is a player of the future.

"I played against Hong Kong in Canberra in 1976," said Mendo, "but the Australian team wasn't a good one. It was selected hurriedly and was aimed at giving experience to players."

Australia lost 1-0.

Last season Ristovski was given a better idea of international soccer when selected in the Australian XI to face Greece at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

In front of 25,000 fans, Australia lost 2-1.

"I didn't play as well as I would have liked," said Ristovski, "but it was good to be involved in the match. I settled down OK, but I would like to have done more playing in front of my home crowd."

And what about future Australian selection for Mendo Ristovski?

"Many players are going all-out to get a place in the Australian team for the 1982 World Cup bid," said Mendo. "I would love to be selected but it's not everything. I'll continue playing my own way and hopefully the coach will pick me. If I'm good enough I'll be in."

After a six-year, career in top soccer Mendo has discovered all the drawbacks.

"The biggest drag is getting injured," he said. "You can be playing well, then cop an injury. You go out of the team and in most cases lose fitness. From then on it's a fight to get back to your best."

"I get a lot of trouble from a knee injury. Last season I missed six weeks, and in 1977 I was out for six weeks. My ligaments are bad, and if I get a heavy knock the injury will flare up. It's very frustrating."

As a winger, it's Ristovski's job to take on and beat his full back. He's successful at this, but there's one man Mendo finds harder to beat than most.

"Jim Tansey is my most difficult opponent," said Mendo. "He plays very hard, and even if you get past him he will bring you down. You lose confidence if your legs are taken from under you a couple of times."

Mendo emphasised that the art of dribbling past an opponent depends a lot on good fortune.

"Sometimes you can glide past the full back all day," he said, "but on occasions it just doesn't work out. The ball can take a bad bounce, or a leg will cause a lucky deflection."

Ristovski, an accountancy student, sees his role in the JUST team being as fairly straightforward.

"Wingers are there to take the ball down the line," he said, "then get in a cross. Now that we have Peter Orlerton, the crosses can be high or low. We haven't had a forward with his height or heading ability since Buljevic left."

JUST is shaping up for a good year and Ristovski is confident of success.

"We haven't had a lot of luck in the past two seasons," he said, "but I think it's about to change. The atmosphere is great and there's competition for a place in the team. Everybody is trying their hardest to win a place."

"If we can avoid injuries, JUST will be up with the leaders."

Tansey my toughest opponent — Ristovski

By KYLE PATTERSON

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Give kids a better go says Kalinchev

Preston Makedonia has long been known as the 'big spender' of Victorian soccer.

Each season the club spends thousands of dollars buying players, but that would change if Preston's junior co-ordinator John Kalinchev had his way.

Kalinchev believes Preston's committee should cut back on its buying of players, and give some of the clubs juniors a chance.

"Preston has many good junior players," said John, "but there is little hope that they will make the senior team. The committee is too scared to give the young boys a go. The committee doesn't want the team to lose a game, and thinks buying established players is better than promoting good, young reserve players."

Kalinchev, an assistant coach for Preston's senior team, as well as coach of the club's under 14 and under 16 State League clubs teams, said he would be working hard to change the club's attitude towards juniors.

"The committee doesn't think our young boys are good enough," said John, "but how will they improve if they aren't given encouragement and the experience of playing in the State League."

At present, two young players are battling in the first team squad, **Dusko Misakovic** and **Alex Majovski** both have first team experience, but it's unlikely they will be able to claim a regular place.

Kalinchev's first step to help his juniors will be to ensure they have first-class coaching at a young age.

"Coaching juniors properly is very important," he said. "They must be taught properly when they are young. Too many junior coaches in Victoria don't know enough about soccer. All junior coaches should be qualified in some way before they teach the boys."

He also intends to get Preston's junior set up better organised.

"If we can get better 'organisation in the areas of training, recruiting and promoting juniors to the senior teams, the standard of our junior players will improve. Then, the club might give the boys more chance."

Kalinchev is planning Preston's first junior soccer clinic, which he hopes will become a regular feature of the club's youth program.

"In the May school holidays," said Kalinchev, "we will be inviting youngsters between 13 and 16 to attend our soccer clinic. At this stage, the clinic will be for five days in the first week of the holidays."

Kalinchev said players from secondary schools in the Preston, Thomastown and Lalor areas would be invited.

"We are looking for a sponsor to provide each boy with a tee-shirt," said John. "But the clinic will not cost the boys any money. They will get to keep the tee-shirt."

Leading Preston players including **Lu Kastner**, **Robert Cullen**, **Jeff Faulkner** and **David Gerthwaite** could be helping out at the clinic.

"We will divide the boys into two groups," said John. "While one is working on the theory of the game, the other will work on practical, with coaching on all aspects — shooting, dribbling, heading, tackling and so on."

Kalinchev, a P.E. instructor at Preston Technical school, said the clinic should be a success.

But he fired a broadside at junior clinics run as private enterprises.

"The clinics should be run by the V.S.F.," said John. "Even if the clubs provide the financial backing, the V.S.F. should be in control. I think it's a very bad that up to \$100 is charged for a junior to be coached at private youth clinics."

But back to Preston, Kalinchev is proud of his club's record in the State League colts.

Preston has won several championships in the colts in the past few years.

"Our colts are very successful," said John, "and we have some of the best juniors in the State. These boys must be given a chance."

At present, four ex-juniors are shaping up well in Preston's reserve team. They are **Bill Dimoski**, **Peter Ristovski**, **Tom Pakovski** and **Chris Demeris**.

Kalinchev will continue pushing for a better deal for his juniors.

VICTORIAN ROUND-UP



Preston Makedonia's junior co-ordinator John Kalinchev (right) with some of his junior players.

BLASBY GOES TO APPEALS BOARD

Fitzroy Utd. goalkeeper Peter Blasby will go before the appeals Board of the Victorian Soccer Federation in a bid to get his transfer fee reduced.

Blasby wants to join Frankston but the Byide club will not meet Fitzroy's demand of \$4,500.

Frankston is anxious to sign a second goalkeeper to compete with regular **Frank Petersen**.

Blasby became unhappy at Fitzroy after being dropped and replaced by Scottish import **Jim Marner**, who retained the number one shirt at Blasby's expense.

Fitzroy signed former Albion Rovers goalkeeper **Jeff Oliver** to

back up Marner, but recently coach **John Margartie** expressed an interest **Yakla Benovic** of Essendon Croatia.

Goalkeeping problems aren't new to Frankston. Last season the club was interested in signing Essendon Croatia's **John Kennedy**, but once again the transfer fee was prohibitive.

After a lengthy dispute, Kennedy, the former South Melbourne and Fitzroy Utd. star, transferred to Melbourne.

Williamson for sale

Defender Ian Williamson has been placed on the transfer list by Frankston City.

Williamson, the former Mooroolbark full back, joined Frankston last season.

The tough-tackling backman made 13 appearances for Frankston last season, plus two as a substitute. He scored two goals.

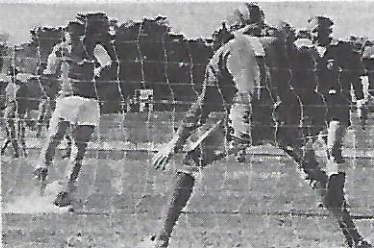
But it was expected Frankston, top-heavy with defenders, would put Williamson up for transfer.

Frankston is now minus three defenders from last season — **Eric Gillespie** (returned to Britain), **Sandy Irvine** (transferred to Morwell Falcons) and **Williamson**.

Frankston's transfer-listed winger **Mark Dall** is believed to have trained with Preston Makedonia.

Dall made eight appearances with Frankston last season and was a substitute five times. He scored three goals.

Tommy Fox, who transferred to Dandenong City, and **Con Fakos**, who looks likely to go to Doveton, are the two other players transfer-listed by Frankston.



Mike Brazil, then with Ajax, scores against Box Hill goalkeeper Mick Pearce.

Hall and Brazil join Melbourne

Melbourne has been busy in the transfer market over the past weeks, and has signed three players.

Full back **Ken Hall** has transferred to Melbourne for \$1000 from First Division rival Box Hill.

Hall came to Australia from England in 1977 and spent 13 seasons with Box Hill. Last season he was runner-up to **Paul Corke** in the club's best and fairest award.

Moreland midfielder **Micky Brazil** has joined Melbourne. Brazil has played with Slavia, Hakoah, Green Gully and Altona.

He showed an interest in switching to Melbourne and the

Hungarian-backed club was happy to sign Brazil.

The third new player is **Michael Bond**, a striker from North Shore United in Auckland, New Zealand. He's 21.

Melbourne supporters are watching with interest the duel between goalkeepers **John Kennedy** and **Ernie Tosh**. Both have shown excellent form in early games, and coach **Ken Kontra** will have a difficult time deciding which player to use.

BATTLE FOR \$1000 NUBRIK CUP STARTS SUNDAY, MARCH 11

The \$1,000 Nubrik Cup will kick at Box Hill's Wembley Park this Sunday.

The tournament, organised by Springvale soccer club, includes Box Hill, Doveton, Springvale and Dandenong City.

The competition was switched to Wembley Park after Springvale's two grounds — Ross Reserve and Moodlers St. — were made unavailable because of Council improvement work.

The cup competition, organised for the first time last season, will continue thanks to the generous sponsorship of Nubrik Pty. Ltd. which makes available \$1,000 for prizemoney.

The competition will last

three weekends with a round-robin.

The draw is: March 11 — Springvale v Dandenong 1 pm, Box Hill v Doveton 3 pm.

March 18 — Dandenong v Box Hill 1 pm, Doveton v Springvale 3 pm.

March 25 — Dandenong v Doveton 1 pm, Box Hill v Springvale 3 pm.

The team on top of the table after the final round will receive \$500. Second place has \$250, and third and fourth each \$125.

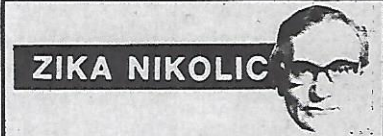
Doveton won the competition last season. For the 1979 tournament, Box Hill has replaced Waverley City, which was relegated to the Second Division.

Springvale City is after junior coaches and a junior coaching co-ordinator. The club would prefer if coaches had completed a basic skills course and the co-ordinator had passed a preliminary coaching badge course.

Springvale's junior teams have a floodlit pitch and excellent training facilities.

Springvale requires an assistant coach for the club's third team. Any applicants should have a preliminary coaching badge.

Players are also wanted for the third team. For information contact **John Speelmeyer** on 547 4724 (Home) or 615 5795 (Bus).



ZKA NIKOLIC

Prosele nedelje sve je islo na ruku JUST-u. Vreme je bilo idealno, poseta Ivanovcu, a protivnik ujedini i ujedini postao. Medjutim, nije bilo jedne ozbiljne na igralistu, tuzimajući goste iz Sibirje, koja nije verovala da će JUST pobediti i nadigrati protivnika. Događao se suprotno. MARCONI je nadmudrio JUST-a i lako se branio skoro 80 minuta. Sane proli 10 minuta Marconi je napadao, ali bez uspeha, jer je odbrana "plavih" bila na visini zadatka. Kada je JUST krenuo u napad, onda je nastala nevolja. Bez ikakvog razloga, cela zvez odbrana je pocrnela da igra ofanzivno, sto je Marconi koristio za uspešne protivnapade. Ovim prng pola koji je Marconi postigao iz gurze, posla kikseva Jovicica i Kondorovca, ostali su pali iz protivnoscima. Golman JUST-a Potter nije kriv ni za jedan gol, iako se kod mnogih gola bacio pre vremena. Da odbrana nije bila toliko navela, rezultat je mogao biti 0:0, ako zaobornimo uboljajeni pih, koji cesto prati napadace JUST-a u prvom poluvremenu stavili su predogiti Ofertion i Pecione, a u drugom Mirko Najovic je sa tri metra sutinsko pored gola. U svakom slučaju ovaj pobna utakmica je od nasocivne koristi za JUST. Sibirula je igrao iz oblaka na zemlju, po se moći laka da izvući naravnoćeno. Imaju dovoljno vremena jer se prvo kolo izgleda, zbog Ampol Kupa u Sibirje, neće odigrati 10. marta.

AMPOL KUP U MELBOURNU
Dve utakmice kole se igrju u petak 9. marta, produćue nad Makedoniju i Essendon/Croatije za dva dana, jer ce se tak u nedelju 11. marta znati tačno ko se polufinalisti ovogodisnjeg Ampol Kupa u Melbourne. Ove utakmice moraju da se odigraju na srecu, koja mora biti ogromna, jer Sunshine City i George Cross imaju slabe protivnike. Croatia treba da pobedi Frankston City za dva gola gola razlike i da se nada u manje ubedljivo pobedu George Cross nad Albionem. U ovi prng polu u Slavia nije odigrana, jer ima utakmicu manje odigrana.

Makedonija je postigla znanacuju pobedu nad Croynon City-om, ali njen slučaj je mnogo teži, jer dva najveća supermaka za drugo mesto igraju odsesto utakmicu međusobno. Bilo ko da pobedi na valje za Makedoniju. Medjutim, Sunshine City je ipak opasniji suparnik, jer u zadnjem kolu ima taku utakmicu od Croynon Citya. Znači u sreću ovako, navijači Makedonije treba da navijaju za Croynon City, a onda u petak uvece za Makedoniju protiv Juventusa i u subotu po podne za Makoeba protiv Croynona. Zamisao, zar ne? Ali takav je rogomet, kao kato, mozes napraviti hiljadu kombinacija. I onda se nadas da te se posudi.

DOCKERY CUP
ZA osesatnuću finale Dockery Kupa kvalifikovala su se tri nasa duba, na računajući Melbourne Drazne lige, koji se automatski uključuju u prvo potpuno kolo ovog takmicenja. Dakle, uopstni klubovi koji su igrali u ovom kolu su: Sunshine City, Vici, drugi tim JUST-a i INTER iz Williamsonstown. Otpali su Cairns, Sebris, Pegasus i Central Alttona.

KELBOR CITY je pobedio DONCASTER ROVERS sa 4:3 (4:0). U prvom poluvremenu Kelbor City je pregazio protivnika, od koga je prošle subote izgubio za "The Tommy Burns Memorial". Dvečeta je bila na pragu, ali se za pobedu držalo zadnjih 10 minuta, jer us igrač Kelbora imalo kaka utakmicu od Croynon Citya. Znači u sreću ovako, navijači Makedonije treba da navijaju za Croynon City, a onda u petak uvece za Makedoniju protiv Juventusa i u subotu po podne za Makoeba protiv Croynona. Zamisao, zar ne? Ali takav je rogomet, kao kato, mozes napraviti hiljadu kombinacija. I onda se nadas da te se posudi.

Drugi tim JUST-a je neocakivano visoko porazio MALVERN CITY sa 5:0 (2:0). Protivnik je pocao ostro i borbeno da odigra teren, ali "plavi" igrali miko i konfuzno. Situacija se naglo izmenila u drugom delu, kada je JUST igrao protiv vetra, ali nije dozvolio protivniku da predje centar igralista. Prvo je cuo kako se protivnik opasao od deciplinarnog poraza. Veliki gubici za "plave" bio je izlatak iz igre Pavla Simića, koji je tase povredjen. Kako smo cuću, neće igrati mesec dana. Proslavio se Vlatko Batic, koji je postigao tri efektna gola, ali najpeli gol je dao Milan Kozanovski, u punom trku sa 30 metara. Tako udras: "bomani" — jer lopta skrene kada gođo golmanovih rukul i utraćuje se uplati i povredjeni Pavle Simić. Treba pohvaliti Ivicu Karica, koji je namestio nekoliko lopti, koje se nisu mogle primetiti. Odlucno su igrali juniori Ljuba Talovski, Dragan Nedeljkovski i Branko Mirovic.

INTER iz Williamsonstowne je tako savladao BULLEEN sa 5:1 (3:1). "Beli" su ovog puta igrali sigurnije, jer su dobili pouzdanog golmana. Bivši golman JUST-a Djordje Stefanides, kad je neposredno, neocakivo je na gola. Ali kao svi zvižduci on imne svoje cuć. Ako prvi loptu uspešno odbrani, onda mu je tesko dati gol. Ali, ako ga prvi put prevari, onda izgubi volju i postrovanje. U svakom slučaju vredni go imati u timu. E, stici za inter: Dragan Panic, Zvonko Drodic, Ante Cetis i Stevan Bealov po jedan.

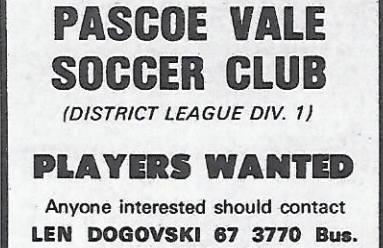
Carlton/SRBIA je poverla sa 2:0 protiv BORONIE kao gosti, ali je na kraju izgubila na cenzu. Kondalija i slabi zvižduci Srbije glavni su razlog ovog tesko primljenog poraza. Sudija je bio dobar, ali je igraliste bilo nepogodno za tehnicu igru. Carlton, U regularnom vremenu utakmica se završila nerešeno 2:2. Boronija je izjedine u 97. minutu. Produćetok od 20 minuta nije doneo pobednice, pa se pristupilo izvođenju jedanaesteraca. Boronija je samed jednaput promasila, a Carlton dva puta. Strelci za Carlton u regularnom vremenu: Miladin Bjelogrić i Kurt Najbolji igraoci Boris Bjelogrić, Bosko Djordjevic, Jovan Nikolic, Ljupce Ivanovski i Miladin Bjelogrić.

ZBOG JUNIORA
U četvrtak 8. marta na igralistu JUST-a u Footscrayu odzračo se sastanak roćivih juniora. Treba se dogovoriti o tome da se odigra u novoj sezoni, da bi juniori "plavih" sto bolje upoznali tajne okrugle lopte.

PRENOS IZ BEGRADA
Etnički ratio-stanica 3:0 obavice u četvrtak 8. marta od 1:30 sati izluka direktno prenos iz Beograda utakmica za UEFA Kup izmedju Crvene Zvezde i Partizan. Bivši Bronovica. Dva utakmica se igra na stadionu Crvene Zvezde i pocinje u 16:30 po podne 7. marta, po jugoslovenskom vremenu.

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Outstanding Doveton midfielder Pat McElhinney is on the transfer list at his own request after a bust up with coach Danny McMinimee.

McElhinney disagrees with the tactics used by McMinimee and has decided he would rather leave the club than play under McMinimee.

Doveton is reluctant to release the ex-Slavia midfielder, but believes it's the only solution to the problem.

Several clubs, including Kellor Austria, Morwell Falcons, Dandenong City and Prahran City have made enquiries about McElhinney.

McElhinney to quit Doveton

Also on the transfer list is young full back Jimmy Wilson.

Wilson, who was in the Victorian under 18 team last season, has been training with Slavia. His desire to play in th State League is the reason for leaving Doveton.

Jimmy's brother George Wilson has transferred from Doveton to Frankston Pines.

Striker John Henderson, who was in and out of Doveton's first team last season, has transferred to Prahran City.

Doveton has signed **Con Fakos** from Frankston City.

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COLOURS: Black & White.



This week's match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at Olympic Sports field (Adelaide), Sunday 2.30 pm.

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This week's match: v **SYDNEY CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Friday 8 pm

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COACH: J. Margaritis.

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This week's match: v **CANBERRA** at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra), Sunday 2.30 pm.

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MANAGER: D. MacLaren

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COLOURS: Blue & White



This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle), Sunday 2.30 pm.

ST. GEORGE

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COACH: T. Forde.

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This week's match: v **A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT** at Marconi Oval (Sydney) Friday 8 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

COACH: J. Marston.

GROUND: Pratton Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: **opatra**



This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY** at Barton Park (Sydney) Saturday 3 pm.

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SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: J. Adam.

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe.
Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.



This week's match: v **WEST ADELAIDE** at Marconi Oval (Sydney) Friday 8 pm.

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663 4576 (Afternoons).

G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW
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This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Perry Park (Brisbane), Friday 8 pm.